

Basicon 2 Post-Con Report

From Karen Pender-Gunn : Co-Convenor of Basicon 2.

Welcome to the Post-Con report for Basicon 2. Well, I have to say personally, that I had a wonderful time and it was the most stress-free convention I have ever worked on. The reports back to us so far have all been favourable with most people saying they liked the atmosphere and it was like an old-fashioned convention. The convention centre at the YWCA couldn't have been more helpful and I strongly urge any fans who need a convention centre and are prepared to do the right thing by the YWCA, to give them a try: you'll have a great venue. Basicon 2 also re-enforced my belief that if you keep it simple, things will work well.

From Ian Gunn: The Other Co-Convenor of Basicon 2.

It was a fun con. Nothing got broken, nobody made a mess, the lifts worked, the sprinkler system didn't flood any rooms, nothing got stolen. I had such a good time I ended up in hospital for four days. Only one person was fool enough to pay \$100 at the door - even though she'd only come to help count the ASFMA results and we would've let her in for free! (but don't worry, Karen Mitchell, I won't reveal your identity) Contrary to popular belief, the hotel was not booked out by football fans - it was booked out by contestants in the University Games, and I'd like to take them warmly by the throat for serenading us with "American Pie", in several keys, at 2:00 AM. Thank you to the panellists, the Award subcoms, the Award Presenters, the dealers, the helpers, our tech crew (Thatch) and the Clubs who pitched in to help, especially Enterprise for the Saturday Night Party and Singular Productions for Zombiecon.

Membership Details.

Basicon 2 had 180 members, including 15 Voting Memberships. Of these, 142 people actually attended the con (our membership fees were so cheap, that people who couldn't make it didn't bother asking for a refund)

Financial Stuff.

Basicon 2 made a profit. Many, many thanks to all those people who joined and enabled us to have some money to give to Foodbank Victoria. On the 22nd December we received a receipt from Foodbank for the \$500 we donated at this time. As we don't know how much it will cost to post out the post-con reports, whatever is left in the bank account will be donated when the postage is covered. I hope to report the final amount in fanzines around Australia.

We also received thanks for the parcels of food that were also donated at Basicon 2. Please be assured they reached the people who would benefit most.

Art Show Awards.

Judged by George Ivanoff and Christine Young.
(Many thanks to Christine for running the art show)
Photography - 1st - Karen Johnson - Cloudscape
 2nd - Tracy Hamilton - G'Kar and Londo (B5)
Painting - 1st - Karen Pender-Gunn - Space Teddies
 2nd - Helena Roberts - Paintings
Drawing - 1st - Tracey Oliphant - Picard
Soft Craft - 1st - Karen Johnson - Quilt Pieces
 2nd - Karen Pender-Gunn - Badges
Hard Craft - 1st - Janice Murray - Beads
 2nd - Lewis Morley - Spike the Cenobite Kewpie Doll

Strangest Thing Found At The Queen Victoria Market Competition.

1st - Lyn McConchie - Knitting With Dog Hair Book
2nd - Tracy Hamilton - Phallic Gun

Thank you for all those people who entered the artshow and we hope to see more artwork at future conventions.

The Ultimate Fan Song.

By Geoff Tilley
(Sung to the tune of "We are the World")

We are the fans
We are the dedicated
We are the ones who tape "Earth II"
Sliders and Galactica.
It's a choice were making
To pay 20 bucks for a Tazo
It's true we have disposable income
for Holodiction.

We are the fans
We drink Jolt and coffee
We are the ones with way too many videos, and too many pocket books.
It's a choice we were making
Star Trek of B5.
Lets stay up with two videos
To record them both.

We are the fans
We all love SF
We are the ones who thought
Dr Who was worth saving
It's a sad choice were making
To dress in cardboard, plastic and lycra
It's true we fill our houses
With bits of plastic

We have no saving
Just toys in mint packaging
It's true there's a room party
For you and me...

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